

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐ no ☒

Property Name: King-Anderson Dairy Farm Inventory Number: M: 18-54
Address: 15615 Schaeffer Road Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Boyd's Zip Code: 20841 County: Montgomery
USGS Quadrangle(s): Germantown
Property Owner: Casey Trust Tax Account ID Number: 00388966
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): P888 Tax Map Number: DT43
Project: Intercounty Connector, Reforestation 7 Agency: SHA
Agency Prepared By: ICC Team
Preparer's Name: Elizabeth Roman Date Prepared: 7/17/2009
Documentation is presented in: _____
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Description:

The King-Anderson Dairy Farm (M: 34-12) is a former agricultural property located at 15615 Schaeffer Road, Boyd's, in a rural area west of Germantown in Montgomery County. The irregularly-shaped 370.25-acre property is bordered by Schaeffer Road on its south, county-park owned parcels to its east, Little Seneca Creek and county-park parcels on its north, and private parcels and Little Seneca Creek on its west.

The property retains seven agricultural buildings and structures, a modern stable, a former farm pond, and a dwelling ruin with outbuilding. The complex of dairy buildings dating from circa 1931 includes a dairy building and adjoining dairy barn that front Schaeffer Road, and a silo, silo foundation, and a barn foundation just to their rear. Behind the dairy complex (north) are a mixed-use agricultural building and a spring enclosure. All of the buildings and structures on the property are abandoned, in ruin, overgrown with vegetation, and have collapsing and/or missing roofs, walls, doors and windows. Each is described below, first the buildings within the dairy complex, followed by the other agricultural resources, and ending with the dwelling ruin.

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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The circa 1931 dairy building (Photos 1 & 2) is a one-story building measuring two-bays wide by three-rooms deep. It is of rock-faced concrete block construction on a concrete slab foundation with partially collapsed walls. Although its roof is missing, overhanging remnants and pieces strewn nearby reveal that it had a nearly flat roof covered with metal sheeting. The two-bay front (south) elevation had a window (enclosed with block) and a large, wide door opening with wooden beaded board sliding door. Wooden double-hung windows lit the interior; most of these are no longer intact and all the glazing is missing. Several door openings lack any doors. The interior is divided by concrete block walls into four rooms, with two small rooms in the central bay. A concrete block chimney rises from the center of the building along an interior wall.

Adjacent to the dairy is the dairy barn (Photos 1, 3 & 4), built circa 1931 in the form of a Wisconsin Dairy Barn (Noble 1984). The single pen, two story building with front facing gambrel roof measures three bays wide by fourteen bays deep. It is built of rock-faced concrete block on a concrete slab foundation. Only the front (northern) portion of the truss-supported gambrel roof with corrugated metal roofing remains standing. Inside, the barn has a central passage with raised concrete stanchions to each side. Remnants of the steel pipe that fed the milking machines remain. The roof has fallen into the building, collapsing the rear (north) wall. No window sash or doors remain intact. Roofing, concrete block, truss members, and wooden beaded board barn doors lie strewn about the interior and exterior of the building.

Two circa 1931 silos stood off the rear (north elevation) of the dairy barn. The intact silo (Photo 1) is a concrete stave structure with integral chute and lacking a roof. Only the recessed concrete foundation of the second silo remains intact.

North of the silos is a second barn foundation. This poured concrete slab resting on concrete block footers has a footprint half the length north-south of the dairy barn. It drops off along its west elevation to a concrete paved former barnyard. This may date from 1931 like the rest of the dairy complex, or it may represent an earlier nineteenth century barn that was modernized with a new foundation in the 1930s.

North of the dairy complex, off of the farm lane, is a circa 1930s mixed-use agricultural building (Photos 5, 6 & 7). This L-plan building of concrete block construction is composed of three attached buildings: a two-story gable roofed structure on the east end; a two-story gable-roofed barn on the west end; and a one-story, shed-roofed, three-bay equipment shed that connects the two. The two-story structure measures three-bays wide by one room deep. It has a garage and stairs on the first floor and living quarters on the second floor. Built on a concrete slab foundation, it has wooden double-hung sash windows and paneled wooden doors set directly into the concrete block walls. The function of the two-story structure is not known, but may have been used as an office or residence.

Between the dairy complex and the mixed-use agricultural building is the circa 1930s spring enclosure (Photo 8). This concrete box set into the ground has a concrete cap with an opening for a pump. It is the source for a small intermittent stream that leads northwards into the property.

The stable (Photo 9) is a circa 1980s one-story frame lean-to building of pole construction. It is located along the west edge of the westernmost horse pasture off Schaeffer Road.

Near the terminus of the farm lane, south of the power line, is the circa 1930s former farm pond, now overgrown with small locust trees. Its embankment was pierced to allow for its drainage, leaving only a shallow puddle at its center.

The dwelling ruin (Photos 10 & 11) is located in mature forest at the far southeastern corner of the property facing southeast towards Schaeffer Road. The ruin was a circa 1950 Minimal Traditional one-story building measuring three bays wide by two rooms deep with a small wing off its east elevation. It is of concrete block construction on a concrete slab foundation. Its roof is

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missing, but should have been one with a side gable form. Its walls are only partially intact, with the top half to third of each elevation fallen to the ground. It has steel-framed multi-paned casement windows and paneled wooden doors with brick castellated surrounds. No plaster is evident on the exposed interior walls. The surrounding area is strewn with building debris including the kitchen sink and bathtub. To the northeast of the dwelling ruin is a well house ruin (Photo 12), with concrete block foundation built into the hill and exposed stand pipe.

The topography of the property is rolling upland, dropping down into the wooded Little Seneca Creek valley to the west and north. The open fields (Photos 13 & 14) and pastures (Photo 15) are located on the higher ridges and hilltops, separated by wooded hollows. They are clustered at the central and southern part of the property, with the remainder all woodland. A PEPCO power line crosses through the center of the property east-to-west. A dirt and two-track farm lane leads north from Schaeffer Road at the dairy complex into the center of the property, to access the open agricultural fields now mono-cropped with hay. Two horse pastures are located along Schaeffer Road in the southwestern part of the property. Wire fencing encloses only the two horse pastures and the dairy complex. No field edge fencing is present. A review of the 1951 and 1970 aerial photographs of the area reveal that the size and number of fields in relation to woodland has not changed.

Significance:

During the nineteenth century, the King-Anderson Dairy Farm property was part of the Americus Dawson farm. In 1892, the farm was subdivided and sold by Dawson's heirs. Through the 1920s, it was used as a tenant farm owned by a series of area farmers, all related to the Dawson Family: William Baker and James Jones until 1906, James Jones until 1920, followed by Samuel P. Young until 1931 (Montgomery County Deeds). Although nineteenth- and early twentieth-century maps show buildings on the property (Hopkins 1876; USGS 1908), none dating from this period remain extant.

In 1931, the property was purchased by dairy farmer James D. King and dairy inspector Otto Anderson. James D. and Macie King owned and operated a large dairy farm one mile to the east (Montgomery County Deeds; US Census 1930) its barn and dairy are now preserved as the county's dairy farming museum (MIHP No. M: 19-30; Savage 2007). These 1930 buildings are very similar in form, construction, and layout to those on this property; the barn is twice the size, but the dairy is smaller. They are also similar in construction and form to other dairy complexes across upper Montgomery County (MIHP Files; Rebeck 1987), with their concrete block construction, truss supported gambrel roof, proximity of the barn to the milk house/dairy building, and overall massing and size. With his partner Anderson, King built and ran a dairy and tenant farming operation on this property to supplement King's other dairies in the county. Dairy farming was Montgomery County's leading agricultural product during the early-to-mid twentieth century, providing fresh milk to the greater Washington D.C. region (Rebeck 1987; Spero et al. 1996). Over half of the farms in the upper part of the county within three miles of the railroad engaged in dairy production (Darsie & Driver 1998). James D. King, his brothers, and their sons were all prominent dairy farmers in upper Montgomery County during this period (Hurley 1997; MIHP Files). Little information could be found about this dairy farm due to its short life span and tenant occupancy. On the inventory of Montgomery County dairy farms being compiled by the King Barn Dairy Museum, it is simply noted as farm number '30, barn, Germantown, Schaeffer Road' (MCHS Vertical File).

Dairy farming remained profitable in Montgomery County until the late 1950s, when a combination of rising land values due to suburbanization and lower milk prices due to over-production led to rapid decline in the industry. Although King continued dairy production on his own farm, this dairy was in operation for only a decade and in 1943 this property was sold. The buyer was Brodie Properties, Inc. of Washington, D.C. (Montgomery County Deeds), who appears to have bought it for its future development potential. By the mid-twentieth century, suburban development headed north of Rockville, as greater numbers of new residents moved to the area to work for the expanding federal government. (Eldon & MacMaster 1976; Spero et al. 1996). It is assumed that Brodie Properties continued to rent the farm to a resident tenant farmer who utilized the former dairy buildings. The

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function of the dwelling ruin, which dates from Brodie Properties' ownership, is unknown. With no evidence of interior finishes, it does not appear to have been lived in long if at all.

Since 1976, the farm parcel has been owned by Eugene B. Casey and the Eugene B. Casey Trust (Montgomery County Deeds). During the Casey ownership, the property has been vacant with its hay fields and horse pastures rented to neighboring farmers.

National Register Evaluation:

The King-Anderson Dairy Farm is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under any of the four criteria due to a loss of integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Although the property is associated with the growth and dominance of dairy farming in Montgomery County during the first half of the twentieth century, its remaining ruins and hay fields are not sufficient to reflect its use as a dairy and tenant farm. The loss of character defining features of a dairy farm – complex with dairy barn and dairy building, active cattle pasture, and crop land – has left the property not eligible under Criterion A for agriculture. Similarly, the property is not eligible under Criterion B for association with the locally prominent King Family, as better examples of their twentieth-century dairy complexes remain intact including the nearby James D. King Farm Museum (MIHP No. M: 19-30). The extant ruins are examples of common and modest building forms that are in very poor condition, leaving the property not eligible under Criterion C for architecture. Given that the property contains mid-twentieth-century ruins with no information potential, it is not eligible under Criterion D. The property has been evaluated for archaeological potential as part of this effort, as seen in the accompanying Phase I archeological report.

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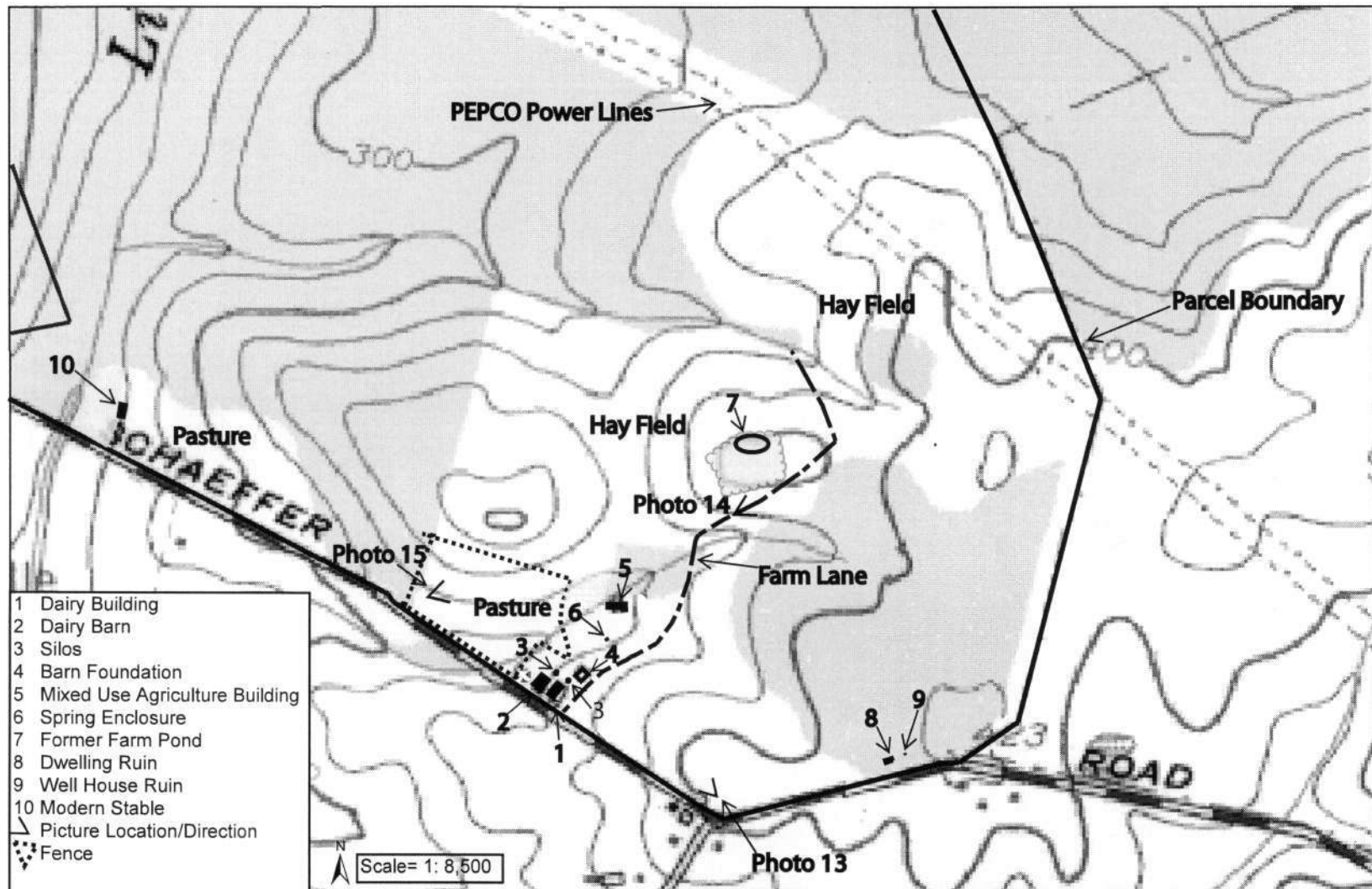
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Source: USGS Germantown Quad

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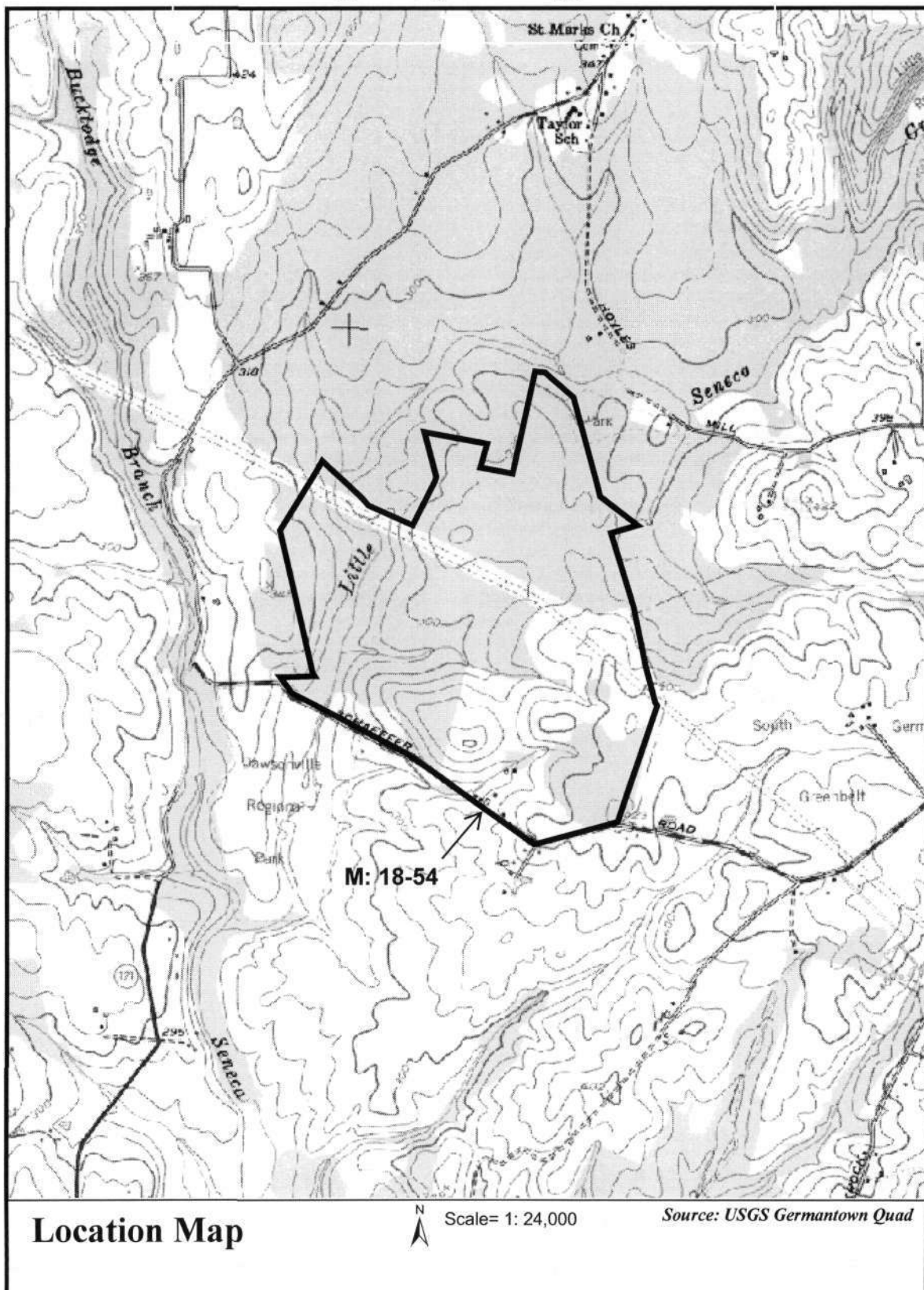


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Dairy Complex (Dairy Building, Dairy Barn and Silo).
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Northwest and northeast elevations, View facing south.

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Dairy Building.
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Southwest and southeast elevations, View facing north-northeast.

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Dairy Building and Dairy Barn.
E. Roman, 7-24-2008
Northeast and northwest elevations, View facing south

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Dairy Barn.
E. Roman, 7-24-2008
Northeast elevation, View facing west.

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Mixed-Use Agricultural Building.
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West and south elevations, View facing northeast.

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Mixed-Use Agricultural Building.
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East and north elevations, View facing southwest.

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North elevation, View facing southwest.

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Spring Enclosure.
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View facing northwest.

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Stable.
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Northeast and northwest elevations, View facing south.

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Dwelling Ruin.
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South (façade) and east elevations, View facing northwest.

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East and north (rear) elevations, View facing south-southwest.

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Well House Ruin.
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View facing east.

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Hay Field at south end of property.
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View facing northwest from Schaeffer Road.

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Hay Field at center of property.

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View facing northeast up Farm Lane.

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Horse Pasture adjoining the Dairy Complex.

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View facing east-northeast.



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Dairy Complex (Dairy Building, Dairy Barn and Silo),
NW & NE elevations

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Dairy Building, sw & SE elevations

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Dairy Building and Dairy Barn, NE & NW elevations

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Dairy Barn, NE elevation

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Mixed-Use Agricultural Building, w: S elevations

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Mixed-Use Agricultural Building, E & N elevations

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Mixed-Use Agricultural Building, N elevation

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Spring Enclosure, facing NW

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Stable, NE & NW elevations

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Dwelling Ruin, S & E elevations

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Well House Ruin, facing east

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Hay field at south end of property,
facing NW from Schaeffer Rd

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Hay field at center of property, facing NE
up farm lane.

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Horse pasture adjoining Dairy Complex,
facing ENE

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